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## The Water and Light Question.

From the opinions expressed last Monday afternoon in our Township Committee, it is probable that the contract with the Orange Water Company will be renewed. The township will be compelled to seek another source of supply. Shall it purchase of the company the pipes now laid, and buy water of the company that supplies Newark at a certain price per million gallons? That is one alternative. Another is that in addition to owning its own pipes the township should furnish its own supply from its own territory, which, it is claimed, will insure abundantly for at least fifty years to come, better water than either the East Orange wells or the Pequannock reservoirs can supply. By this plan the township would be independent of any company, paying tribute or profit to nobody. A moderate tax upon private water would pay the interest upon the plant and cost of running the same, and the town would have its supply for fire and street sprinkling purposes without paying a tax rated per hydrant as at present, or in case water was purchased from a company, raising the amount necessary by annual taxation. To keep our rate of taxes down by good management is a paramount consideration. The more we do judiciously for ourselves and the less we have to do with companies and corporations, the less burdensome will our taxes be.

## Spread the Light.

From the Matinee Stage.

A "taxpayer" asks the editor of the Bloomfield Record why they cannot have an electric light plant of their own. He adds: "Municipalities should cease to deal out valuable franchises to individuals or corporations and should conduct such enterprises to effect public convenience and for the benefit of the whole people. American citizens are far behind those of other countries in such matters and the public service is correspondingly less satisfactory and more expensive."

## Some Contrasted Figures.

WHAT PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IS DOING IN MAINE.

Waterville, Me., was furnished electric light by a private company up to the year 1889. The citizens then decided the lights were costing too much, and a municipal plant was established. The result has amply justified their course. Are lights of 2000 candle power cost the city but \$67.33 each year, running all night, including \$1600 per year for cost of power besides the other expenses for fuel, oil, carbons, interest, depreciation of plant and extras, all in all, in short, that the managers of private companies demand should be included as legitimate expenses. The true significance of these figures can only be appreciated by contrasting them with prices paid by other cities in Maine to private companies. Bath pays \$150, Bar Harbor \$150, Portland \$125, Augusta \$125, Hallowell and Saco \$108. The lights in all except the two last named burn all night; the average price paid to the private companies in the four first named cities is \$137.50. This shows quite an advantage in favor of municipal lighting. In commenting upon the above figures the Evening Telegram of Providence, R. I., says: "This story does not differ in general character from that of similar experiments elsewhere, but that it is interesting because comparison is made only with the cost of lights in other cities of the same state and where conditions are similar."

## School Superintendent Davis Honored.

At a state elsewhere, our recent fellow townsman, Charles M. Davis, has been honored by the appointment of Vice President from New Jersey for the forthcoming Department Congress of School Superintendents at the World's Fair. The Congress will convene in Chicago on July 25, this year, under the auspices of the National Educational Association of the United States. The honor tendered Superintendent Davis is attributed to the letter of appointment to proper recognition of his many years of service in the cause of popular education.

## The Grand Army of the Republic now

owns the Andersonville prison pen. The department of Georgia purchased it and made it over to the National Encampment.

## Here and There.

The writer was permitted to see a model of an invention which if perfected is anything like this one will make a fortune for the patentee. It is a bridge which one can carry in a small grip sack, and is so arranged that any street in Bloomfield can be spanned by it, enabling the pedestrian to cross dry shod. It is made light and not expensive; seems to work admirably and certainly would be in demand as things have been going this winter.

The policy of intimidation to be pursued in relation to the signing of petitions for licensing saloons and hotels has been discussed by citizens who cannot be classed as friends of either, who doubt the expediency of any such course, claiming that it would make friends for them by it. It is doubtful whether intimidation ever intimidates. Americans do not like to be bullied into doing or not doing anything, and it is thought that a good many will dare to sign for license just on that account.

People say this is not a free country, yet when you compare the number of divorces granted in the United States with those of other countries there is a freedom of dissolution that is startling. The total number of divorces from 1867 to 1886 reached 328,716. From 1897 to 1898 the number rose to 25,535 in 1886. In Great Britain during 1886 the divorces were 475, in France 6211, in Germany 6078. Average duration of married life before divorce in this country is just a little more than nine years. These figures are worthy of thought and should be pondered over.

You can hear some strange mixtures in the cars. A man said that the fastest mile ever made on a rail road was made by the Philadelphia and Reading in thirty-seven seconds, and then he said that our little branch road took the prize for being the slowest. Another was telling confidentially (but so loud that he could be heard three seats away) how he was going to establish a secret news agency in Bloomfield to supply the New York papers and just take it all away from the other fellows. From the Bloomfield office appearing in them, he must have got his work in.

With the Episcopalians moving in a westerly direction which without a doubt will take place, it looks as if to some extent the town would divide geographically upon the denominational question, the Episcopalians settling upon the westward of Broad Street and the Presbyterians on the eastward side. There is no doubt but that the location of the new church on the site proposed will eventually be the means of drawing the Episcopalians into a settlement near it, which will naturally enhance the value of property. QUINQUE.

## Mountainside Hospital.

LIST OF DONATIONS FOR JANUARY, 1893. Needlework Guild, Montclair, 1 night dress, 5 towels, 5 stand covers, 4 pairs drawers, 1 chemise, 5 kitchen aprons, 6 dish towels, 2 pair cotton flannel drawers, 2 pair cotton flannel drawers for children, 2 cotton flannel shirts, 1 white apron, 2 children's aprons; Mrs. H. B. Jolly, 200 oysters; Mrs. Spencer, 1 qt. jelly; Mrs. Day, 100 cream; Dr. Love, 7 basins for operating room; drugs; Christ Episcopal Church, Montclair, Christmas mangle, sugar, tea, corn starch, currants, cranberries, 6 books for children, games and playthings; Mrs. J. Decker, 2 Dr. A. aprons; Mrs. Annal Dodd, oranges and apples; Mrs. George Innes, Jr., papers and magazines; Miss K. B. Dalrymple, 2 dozen holly wreaths; St. Luke's Church, fruit and flowers; Miss Fanny Crane, 2 shirts; Mrs. Annal Dodd, 3 dozen lemons, 1 dozen flexible cateters, drugs; F. M. Wheeler, 1 box oranges; P. Schoenthal, 3 pairs women's bedroom slippers, 3 pairs children's bedroom slippers; Mrs. John Solmes and Mrs. Weiss, 1 piano for children; toys; St. Luke's Church, fruit and flowers; Mrs. Hewitt, 1 dozen bananas, 2 dozen oranges, 1 pair biscuit, grapes, 1 dozen lemons, 1 dozen eggs, 2 cans peaches; Baptist Sewing Society, Montclair, 6 sheets, pants, shoes, stockings, slippers, handkerchiefs and underwear for men and boys, also underclothes, stockings, calico wrappers, handkerchiefs for women are greatly needed at the hospital. Any person having any of these articles to contribute may leave them at the residence of Mrs. W. H. White, 451 Franklin St.

## Death of Peter S. Cadmus.

Peter S. Cadmus, aged 71 years, was found dead in his bed on Saturday morning in Montville, where he resided. He was formerly a resident of Bloomfield and was some years ago a useful member of the Town Committee. He was an ardent Republican, so much so, that he went all the way to Boston once to see that some relative voted the Republican ticket. He was a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield and his funeral took place from that church yesterday afternoon, his four sons, Mr. Robert E. Willis H. and Myron acting as pall bearers. Rev. C. A. Cook officiated at the funeral. The interment was made in Bloomfield cemetery. It was expected that the funeral would take place on Tuesday but the roads have been in such an impassable condition that they were obliged to postpone it.

## Political Bubbles.

The Democratic party in Bloomfield is in a very much better condition than it was eight years ago, when it was a difficult matter to find a man to take the position of Postmaster. To-day they have available timber out of which to make a good Postmaster and there are several men who could be easily persuaded to take the appointment. The Essex Truck Company, that "tower of strength" to any man seeking political preferment, is a "ladder" whereby a man can safely climb into office. It is not a hazardous thing to predict that the next Postmaster of Bloomfield will be a member of that company.

The people of Bloomfield have had their eyes upon the Board of Freeholders for some time and have stood ready to nominate a man as soon as a vacancy should occur, and that person was our esteemed citizen, Thos. McGowan. He is known throughout the length and breadth of Essex County and the people will soon have the opportunity of nominating and electing him.

In the Third Ward the Democratic nomination for Assessor will very likely be given to Frank G. Tower, who has received deserved credit for work accomplished during the last Presidential campaign. The situation is getting to be an interesting one in this ward.

## A Common Word Just Now.

"How do you pronounce the name of the island kingdom which wants to be annexed to the United States?" is a question frequently propounded and variously answered nowadays. The most commonly accepted pronunciation, and the one authorized by Lippincott's, Worcester's, Webster's and the Century dictionaries, is, for the name of the principal island of the group, "Hah-wah-e," the second syllable accented, and the "i" pronounced as in "vine." The same question was once asked of a high caste Hawaiian lady, well educated in her own and the English languages. She answered: "The proper pronunciation is 'Hah-vah-e.' There is no 'w' in our alphabet, and no letter nor combination of letters which take the sound of 'w' as in English. The missionaries who first translated our language found it difficult to pronounce or express the sound which is, to my ear, correctly conveyed by the letter 'v,' softened and made full. 'Oh' it is pronounced 'hah-vah-e' as you pronounce it in 'fall,' and our 'i' is like the English 'v.' The rule is to pronounce every vowel, and as the exception to the rule does not affect the double 'i' in 'Hah-vah-e'."

The insistence upon the "v" instead of the "w" sound is considered, even by some of the well educated and all of the uneducated, as something of an affectation, and one hears "Hah-vah-e" on the islands, instead of "Hah-wah-e" as often as "valse" instead of "vase" in American society.—New York Sun.

## A Dog Trained to Steal.

Frederick Hampton, 45, described as a Lehigh river, Chatham, N. J., was charged before Mr. Biron at the Lambeth police court with stealing and receiving a last fall umbrella, value \$4, of the property of Louis Squires. The evidence already given showed that on Saturday the prosecutor was walking along Kensington Park road with an umbrella in his hand. She saw a trap coming along and a dog running behind. The dog came toward her, took hold of her umbrella and shook it, and she let go.

The dog then ran off with the umbrella in the same direction as the trap. The prisoner, who was driving, was afterward arrested, and upon searching the trap the policeman found seven umbrellas, including the one identified by Miss Squires.

A second case was gone into. Mrs. Henrietta Ray, the wife of Dr. Ray of East Crofton, stated that at the beginning of last month she was walking along London road, Crofton, in company with two other ladies. The witness was carrying a sunshade. A dog suddenly ran up to her, snatched her sunshade and ran off with it, in which there were two persons. That morning she saw the sunshade at this court.—London Graphic.

## Dressing For Shoes.

How difficult it is in winter to keep one's feet even presentable in appearance! Sidewalks are sloppy, crosswalks are muddy, and the air is so cold that it hardens shoe leather until it is no unusual thing for it to crack and become sorry to look upon. Nothing can be done actually to prevent the season from telling upon the wearing qualities of shoes, but a great deal can be done to prevent them from becoming so badly injured as they might otherwise be.

When shoes have become very muddy, the worst of the mud should be knocked off with a strip of hard wood, which should be kept for the purpose. A very stiff brush will then take off the rest of the dirt. Now, apply a dressing made by mixing 3 drams of sperm oil, 1 pint of vinegar, 8 ounces of treacle and 4 ounces of finely powdered fly black. The vinegar should be added last. The will make the shoe look almost as well as they did before their rough treatment.—New York World.

## Improving the Ballot.

The Australian ballot system, while a good reform in the main, has several features which need amending before it can be accepted as an almost perfect and honest mode of voting. As it now stands, thousands of voters have been disfranchised by the misapprehension of not being allowed to stamp opposite a candidate's name after having once stamped the party emblem. Let there be but one way of voting, by stamping the square by the side of each person that you wish to vote for. A voter once instructed to stamp the square to the left of each person that he wished to vote for will not only not confuse, but actually expedite the voting. Another feature of the law which should be changed is the case with which a partisan board can throw out ballots as defective. As protection in the right of voting is secrecy, so should the ballot be protected after it is cast, so long as the intent of the voter can be ascertained.—Noblesville Ledger.

## Over \$100,000 For Towing a Steamer.

The British steamer Ohio has received an award of \$100,000 for her services in towing into Queenstown in December last the Red Star line steamer Nordland. The shaft of the Nordland broke while she was bound from New York for Antwerp, and while she was thus helpless was taken in tow by the Ohio and brought safely into port.—London Letter.

## Cheap Postage.

Perhaps the greatest postal advance of recent times is that which England has just decided to adopt—penny postage for its vast empire. The British post-office department, after much arguing, has finally accepted this proposition, which has been pressed for years by that indefatigable reformer, Mr. Henneker Howton, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the uniform imperial postage of a penny—5 cents—will be established, and for that amount a letter can be carried from England not only to Canada and the West Indies, but to India, Australia and even the center of Africa. This is the cheapest postage ever proposed.

The United States has been making many improvements of late in postal matters, but it has never been able to catch up with England, whose lead in this matter we must acknowledge, and it is a striking tribute to the spirit of the English system that, superior as it is to ours, it yet nets a profit of \$100,000 a year to the government, whereas we have a deficit in our postal accounts. The truth seems to be that the better the postal service the greater the profit. The United States, under these circumstances, can well afford to make the necessary improvements, certain that it will repay for them in a short time. It will strike every one at once that if England can maintain a penny postage for its vast empire, scattered as it is throughout all the four quarters of the globe, it ought to be easily possible to secure a reduction in the rates now charged for foreign postage.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## A Duke and His Overcoat.

A story is out on a certain young man whose purse is not the most plenteous, and yet he aims to dress as well as the richer young men with whom he associates. Early in the winter, when it appeared that there would not be any cold weather, and he found himself in some what straightened circumstances, he pawned his overcoat. At the expiration of the pledge, the weather still being mild, he neglected to renew it. The coat, not being called for, the pawnbroker sold it to a colored man. Two or three days after the duke wanted the coat. He was very much discomfited on learning that it had been sold. He ascertained the address of the colored man to whom it had been sold. He found the fellow, paid him the amount that he had pawned the coat for, and took it out. The fun of it is that the colored man is a retainer in a suburban family with whom the young man associates. The young man doesn't know anything about the matter, but the family—through the colored man, who gave the thing away—know all about the overcoat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## A Great Season For Maple Sugar.

"Unless I am grossly mistaken," said Loren Cushman yesterday, "the coming spring will be a great season for maple sugar making. It is well known to those who have engaged in that business that a good season always follows a winter that furnishes abundance of cold weather. The maple sap is always sweeter after a period of intense frost, and furnishes a larger percentage of sugar. Not only that, but the trees yield a larger quantity of sap after a cold winter than they do after a winter that has frequent periods of warm weather. The snow in our country is very deep, and unless remarkably warm weather should come it will be on the ground until late in the spring. These elements, an immense body of it that sugar making will not commence until late in the season, but when we get at it we shall make more of the toothsome sweet than we have made before in years.—New York Sun.

## An Ice Vase Flashing Light.

A remarkable phenomenon was witnessed on the Thames during the evening of Friday. A number of pedestrians on Vauxhall bridge were startled by noticing that one of the large masses of ice which were floating with the tide was emitting flashes of light at intervals of about six seconds. Not only was this curious and unusual sight seen from Vauxhall bridge, but one gentleman who had noticed it at Chelsea bridge followed it along the Thames embankment for some distance.

The area of the mass was several square yards, and this was the only one of the many hundreds which were passing the bridge at the time that presented any unusual appearance. Concentric waves were numerous about the mass, but no satisfactory explanation was arrived at.—Pall Mall Gazette.

## A Lost Soup Plate Found.

I hear a story, but cannot verify it, to the effect that, in clearing out her old house preparatory to moving to the new one, Mrs. Stevenson actually found the missing gold soup plate that has presented her from asking more than 11 people to her state dinners. It was found, so 'tis said, stuffed with down into the back of one of the great sofas that adorned the middle drawing or music room. It is surmised that one of the indigent forgers whom she so willingly entertains of a Sunday night managed to slip it into his lap at dinner, then into the back of his waistcoat and eventually down the back of the sofa, whence he hoped to extract it before going home. Foiled in this, he left the valuable piece of plate in the hiding place to become the source of infinite annoyance to its hostess.—New York Recorder.

## Broke Into His Former Prison.

The case of persons trying to escape from a prison is of rather common occurrence, but the fact of a man trying to force an entrance into one may be unique. This, however, is what happened last week at the Plotzensee prison, near Berlin, where at night an individual scaled the prison wall and safely landed in the yard. On being arrested he was found to be a former inmate, and, as he said, to call upon a friend he had made during his involuntary sojourn.—American Register.

## Portable Piano.

An invention, which would be a fortune to the inventor and manufacturer, is a portable piano—that is, a keyboard of six octaves, inclosed in a plain case 41 inches long, 18 inches broad and 8 inches deep; each note to be very faint, but pure, distinct and as correct in tone as the best pianoforte manufactured; part of the top of the case to open and show the keyboard, with a small fall-in case for the music to rest upon, the other part of the top to open to allow of the instrument being tuned.

Such an article would be invaluable, as it could be played on a writing table or dressing table in a bedroom, and the tone being faint its use could not annoy other people when the amateur was practicing. It could be carried about in a leather case as ordinary luggage, and when not in use could stand in a corner of a sitting or bedroom. The price would be moderate, as such an instrument would be sure to become very popular.—Philadelphia Record.

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## LOCAL BRIEVITIES

Adam Lind, of 13 Maple St., cut his hand badly while working.

Mrs. Mary J. Boshart, received a pension from the government.

The Young Men's Republican Club, at its meeting last Friday, appointed a committee upon a building site.

A sleighride through the Oranges for ten cents is more than many Bloomfielders have hoped to realize.

Joe Levy, son of Bernard Levy, died at 5 P. M. yesterday. He had been troubled with rheumatism.

Meeting of Wm. S. Pearson Post, G. A. R. to night to make arrangements for a camp fire.